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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I use a local provider for my Internet and telephone service, and I am very satisfied with the service (Sonic). They have real human beings on the help line, and are very quick to respond on the few occasions that I have had problems. Their prices are very competitive and their service is excellent. They are able to provide this service because they can lease lines from larger providers, and provide the competition that prevents the AT&Ts of the world from gouging us all

Please reject the AT&T petition and allow competition to continue. Sonic is now laying fiber optic cable in my city, and I hope they can do so elsewhere as well -- if their growing success isn't thwarted by the change in the rules.

Thank you,

Sincerely yours,

Eugenie Scott